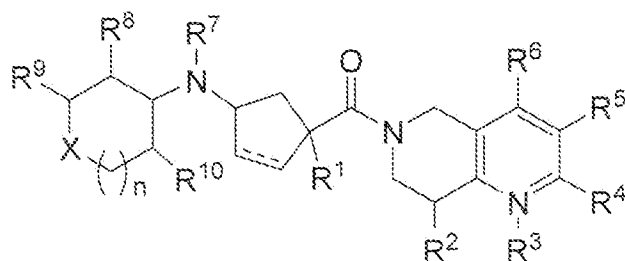


Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims

2. (currently amended) A method for treating neuropathic pain comprising administering to a patient in need of such treatment a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of the formula:



wherein:

R¹ is isopropyl, R² is hydrogen, R³ is absent, R⁴ is hydrogen, R⁵ is -CF₃, R⁶ is hydrogen, R⁷ is hydrogen, R⁸ is -CH₃ or -OCH₃, R⁹ is hydrogen, X is oxygen, R¹⁰ is hydrogen, n is 1, and the dashed line is absent, so that the 5-membered ring has no double bonds, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof; thereof, wherein treatment does not include prevention or prophylactic therapy.

4. (currently amended) A method for treating neuropathic pain comprising administering to a patient in need of such treatment a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of the formula below, or an individual diastereomer thereof, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof; thereof, wherein treatment does not include prevention or prophylactic therapy:

